

Swanscombe Urban District Council.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the Year 1948

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report of the Public Health conditions of the district for the year ended December, 1948.

I would take this opportunity of thanking the Council for their interest and support.

Your obedient Servant,

M. F. McDONNELL,
Medical Officer of Health.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor W. AUSTEN (Chairman)

„ F. ALDER
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„ Mrs. M. J. WRIGHT

Clerk :

Mr. F. G. PETERS.

Solicitors :

Messrs. BAILY & GOFF.

Medical Officer of Health :

M. F. McDONNELL, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector :

L. E. CROUCHER, M.S.I.A., C.R.S.I.
(who is also Surveyor)

Assistant Sanitary Inspector :

F. W. SHARPE (part time).

VITAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)						2,142
Population (Census 1931)						8,541
Present estimated population						8,031
Estimated population, 1947						7,901
" " " 1946						7,696
Number of inhabited houses (31st March, 1948)						2,339
Number of new houses erected year ended 31st December, 1948—						
				Permanent Prefabricated		49
				Permanent		23
				Swanscombe Street Site Conversions, Bungalows		27
Rateable value 31st December, 1948						£50,725
" " " " 1947						£58,286
" " " " 1946						£56,981
Sum represented by penny rate 1948						£239
" " " " " 1947						£222
" " " " " 1946						£214
Number of Births 1948						161
" " " 1947						200
" " " 1946						170
				Swanscombe.	England and Wales.	
				Live.	Still.	
Birth rate per 1,000 population 1948				20.04	.37	17.9 0.42
" " " " " 1947				25.3	.5	20.5 0.50
" " " " " 1946				22.2	.25	19.1
Number of illegitimate births 1948						8
" " " " " 1947						7
" " " " " 1946						9
Number of deaths 1948						97
" " " 1947						64
" " " 1946						77
				Swanscombe.	England and Wales.	
Death rate per 1,000 population 1948				12.0	10.8	
" " " " " 1947				9.02	12.0	
" " " " " 1946				10.0	11.5	
	Total	M.	F.			
LIVE legitimate	161	77	76	Birth rate per 1,000 of the		
illegitimate	8	6	2	estimated resident population.....		20.04
STILLBIRTHS—				Rate per 1,000 total (live and		
Legitimate	3	2	1	still) births		24.2
Illegitimate	—	—	—			
DEATHS	97	59	38	Death rate per 1,000 of the		
				estimated resident population.....		12.0
Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—						
All infants per 1,000 live births						8.05
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births						7.65
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births						—
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)						21
" " Measles (all ages).						—
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)						—
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)						—

CAUSES OF DEATH IN SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT, 1948.

Causes of Death.						Male.	Female.
All causes						59	38
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers						—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal fever						—	—
3. Scarlet fever						—	—
4. Whooping Cough						—	—
5. Diphtheria						—	—
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system						4	2
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis						I	—
8. Syphilitic diseases						I	—
9. Influenza						—	—
10. Measles						—	—
11. Infantile Paralysis, etc.						—	—
12. Ac : inf : enceph :						—	—
13. Cancer of mouth, etc. (m) uterus (f)						I	I
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum						3	I
15. Cancer of breast						—	—
16. Cancer of other sites						II	4
17. Diabetes						—	—
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions						2	3
19. Heart disease						16	II
20. Other disease of circ. system						—	I
21. Bronchitis						6	I
22. Pneumonia						3	—
23. Other resp. diseases						—	2
24. Ulcer of the stomach or duodenum						I	—
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years						—	—
26. Appendicitis						—	I
27. Other digestive diseases						—	I
28. Nephritis						I	I
29. Puerperal Pyrexia						—	—
30. Other maternal causes						—	—
31. Premature birth						—	—
32. Congenital malformation : Birth injury, etc.						—	2
33. Suicide						2	I
34. Road traffic accidents						—	—
35. Other violent causes						2	I
36. All other causes						5	5

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1948.

Provisional figures based on weekly and quarterly returns.

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (resi- dent pop. 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	Admini- strative County London	Swanscombe
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population.					
Births :—					
Live	17.9 ^a	20.0	19.2	20.1	20.4
Still	0.42 ^a	0.52	0.43	0.39	37
Deaths :—					
All causes	10.8 ^a	11.6	10.7	11.6	12.0
Typhoid and Para- typhoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.51	0.59	0.46	0.63	0.87
Influenza	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.00
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Pneumonia	0.41	0.38	0.36	0.54	0.37
Notifications (corrected) :—					
Typhoid fever	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Paratyphoid fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Cerebro-spinal fever	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.00
Scarlet fever	1.73	1.90	1.82	1.37	3.48
Whooping Cough	3.42	3.51	3.31	3.13	1.86
Diphtheria	0.08	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.00
Erysipelas	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.12
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	9.34	9.75	8.84	9.17	5.60
Pneumonia	0.73	0.84	0.60	0.57	1.99
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.00
Acute Polioencephalitis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rates per 1,000 live births.					
Deaths :—					
All causes under 1 year of age	34 ^b	39	32	31	6.21
Deaths from Diarrhoea and enteritis under 2 years of age	3.3	4.5	2.1	2.4	0.00
Rates per 1,000 total births (live and still)					
Notifications (corrected) :—					
Puerperal fever and Pyrexia	6.89	8.90	4.71	7.35(c)	0.00

Maternal Mortality in England and Wales.

	Rates per 1,000 total (live and still) births.	Rates per million women aged 15-44.
140 Abortion with sepsis	0.11	9
141 Abortion without sepsis	0.05	4
147 Puerperal infections	0.13	
142-146) Other maternal 148-150) causes	0.73	

(a) Rates per 1,000 total population.

(b) Per 1,000 related births.

(c) In London Puerperal fever alone was 0.61.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Particulars of Day Nurseries, Welfare Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics.

Where Centres are held in alternate weeks it is advisable to contact the County Medical Officer to ascertain when the centre is open.

Centres and Clinics held "a.m." are usually open from 10.0 a.m.—12 noon.

Centres and Clinics held "p.m." are usually open from 2.0 p.m.—4 p.m.

NOTIFICATION OF BIRTHS.

In the case of every child born it is the duty of the father of the child, if at the time of the birth he is actually residing on the premises where the birth takes place, and of any person in attendance upon the mother at the time of, or within six hours after the birth to send notice of the birth within thirty-six hours to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Maidstone.

Postcards with prepaid postage for this purpose are supplied to Medical Practitioners, Midwives, Hospitals and Maternity Homes, on application to the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

CARE OF PREMATURE INFANTS.

Special outfits for use when premature babies are to be nursed at home, or for their conveyance to hospital, are available free on application by a doctor or midwife at the following address:—

The Surgeon Superintendent, County Hospital, Farnborough.

MATERNITY OUTFITS.

Sterilised outfits for use at a domiciliary confinement are available free on application by a doctor or midwife, direct from the County Medical Officer, County Hall, Maidstone.

The Outfit contains:—

- 12 Extra Large Pads, in parcels of 3.
- 2 Twill bed sheets, wrapped separately (size 36×56).
- 6 No. 2 Brass Nickel Plated Safety Pins.
- 2 dozen Absorbent Cotton Wool 1½" squares.
- 6 Lint Umbilical Pads.
- ¾ yard Crepe Bandage, 4".
- 2 Sheets tarred paper (size 30"×36"), not wrapped.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS AND POST-NATAL CLINICS.

AREA No. 5.

Advice and ante-natal care is given at these Clinics.

Post-natal examinations are carried out at Ante-Natal Clinics.

SWANSCOMBE U.

New Parish Hall, Swanscombe, 1st and 3rd Monday, —2p.m.

WOMEN'S WELFARE CLINICS.

These clinics are provided for the purpose of giving advice on women's minor ailments, sterility and on contraception where such advice is necessary for medical reasons.

AREA No. 5.

GRAVESEND B.

Central, Windmill Street, Gravesend, 2nd Saturday, — a.m.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

These centres are open at the days and times set out for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of infants and children under the age of five years. Infant foods, National Dried Milk and Ministry of Food Vitamin products are issued at these centres. A Medical Officer and a Health Visitor are in attendance at each centre.

Ministry of Food Offices and other Centres are also available for the supply of National Dried Milk and Ministry of Food Vitamin products for Expectant and Nursing Mothers and for children under five years of age.

SWANSCOMBE U.

New Parish Hall, Swanscombe

Thursday, —2p.m.

Knockhall Lodge, Greenhithe

Tuesday, —2p.m.

DAY NURSERIES.

These nurseries provide accommodation for the daily care of children under five years of age. Priority for admission is given in the following circumstances :—

(a) Children whose mothers need to work, who are :—

(i) Unmarried mothers.

(ii) Widows who require to supplement their pensions.

(iii) Mothers with disabled husbands.

(b) Children whose mothers are :—

(i) Women with large families who require assistance with the young children.

(ii) Women in chronic ill-health whose household duties plus the care of the children are too much for them.

(iii) Women who need to arrange for the care of a toddler while they have another baby.

(iv) Women faced with an emergency such as a serious illness in the home.

A charge is made in respect of the meals provided for the child.

Application for admission should be made to the Matron of the Nursery.

DAY NURSERIES.

GRAVESEND B.

Glendillon, Old Road
Daneholm, Pelham Road

Matron—Mrs. Luckhurst
Matron—Miss Rigden.

RESIDENTIAL NURSERIES.

These are Short Stay Nurseries for the care of children whose mothers are unable to care for them owing to confinement, illness, etc. Applicants should be referred to the Health Visitor, Welfare Centre, or District Officer, or in case of urgency should get in touch direct with the Health Department, County Hall, Maidstone.

Applications should not be made to the Nursery.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

Facilities for vaccination, free of direct cost, against smallpox are available for infants at all Child Welfare Clinics and all Medical Practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme.

Vaccine Lymph can be obtained from the County Laboratory, Maidstone, by all medical practitioners carrying out vaccination under the Council's arrangements.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Facilities for immunisation, free of cost, are available at all Child Welfare Centres, and at special Immunising Clinics, and all Medical Practitioners have been invited to participate in the scheme, which provides for free immunisation against diphtheria. The child should normally have the first injection between the ages of eight months and one year ; and reinforcing doses shortly before starting school and again at nine years of age.

Supplies of A.P.T. and T.A.F. can be obtained from the County Laboratory, Maidstone, by all practitioners carrying out immunisation under the Council's arrangements.

DOMESTIC HELP.

This service is to provide domestic help for households where such help is required owing to the presence of any person who is ill, lying in, and expectant mothers, mentally defective, aged, or a child not over compulsory school age. Householders are required to contribute towards the cost in accordance with their means.

AREA No. 5.

GRAVESEND B.

Apply to Domestic Help Section, c/o Health Department, 3, Woodville Terrace, Gravesend. Telephone : Gravesend 317.

NORTHFLEET U.

Apply to Domestic Help Section, c/o Council Offices, Northfleet. Telephone : Gravesend 1720.

SWANSCOMBE U.

As for Gravesend.

HEALTH VISITORS.

These officers are appointed for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children, persons suffering from illness and expectant and nursing mothers and as to the measure necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

The Health Visitors also undertake duties in connection with the School Health Service.

SWANSCOMBE U.

Miss Gray 2 New House Road, Northfleet.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

This service, which is free, is to secure that an adequate number of midwives is employed by the Council for attending women in their own homes, either as midwives or maternity nurses.

The names, addresses and telephone numbers of midwives in Area 5 are given below.

HOME NURSING SERVICE.

This service, which is free, is to secure the attendance of nurses on persons who require nursing in their own homes. Apart from cases of emergency and accident, patients can only be attended when the nurse has been requested to do so by a doctor. At the present time it is not possible to provide a night service.

The names and addresses of Home Nurses in Area No. 5 are given below. Where the nurse is on the telephone the number is also given.

Midwives :

Miss M. G. Barron	98, Leonard Avenue, Swanscombe, Kent.	Gravesend 2385.
Mrs. D. Kemp	67, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe, Kent.	Gravesend 4121.

Home Nurse :

Miss R. E. Radburn	94, Ames Road, Swanscombe, Kent.	Gravesend 2910
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COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The County Council is responsible for the provision of a comprehensive ambulance service throughout the County. Other than in cases of accident and emergency, no ambulance or car will be provided except on the recommendation of a doctor, midwife, hospital or District Officer.

To facilitate the call-out of ambulance in cases of accident or emergency, arrangements have been made with the Post Office Authorities for such calls to be passed automatically to the nearest manned fire station, the staff of which will assume the responsibility of dealing with the emergency. The arrangement will not operate where direct lines exist between public call boxes and ambulance stations.

The service will be provided by (a) vehicles provided and manned by the County Council ; (b) vehicles operated and manned by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, British Red Cross Society and the Margate Ambulance Corps acting as agents of the Council and (c) sitting case cars provided through the Hospital Car Service as the agents of the Council.

Ambulance Station and Address	Operated by	Vehicle Strength		Telephone No.	Neighbouring Stations
		Ambulances	S/C Cars		
Dartford : County Hospital	Kent County Council	4	3	Dartford 3223	Crayford Bexley
Serena Headquarters, Princes Road	St. John Ambulance Brigade	3	—	Dartford 2711	Erith Farningham
Northfleet : The Hill, Northfleet	St. John Ambulance Brigade	2	—	Gravesend 4603	Gravesend Rochester Dartford
Gravesend. Commercial Place, Gravesend	St. John Ambulance Brigade	5	—	Gravesend 854	Northfleet Rochester Dartford

Medical Loan Depots.

GRAVESEND (B.R.C.S.) 12, Singlewell Road By appointment with Mrs Roberts. Phone Gravesend 403
 NORTHFLEET (St. John) 69, Dover Road Monday-Friday, 7.30 p.m.
 (Mr. C. J. Sims. Phone Northfleet 4603) 9 p.m.
 GRAVESEND (St. John) Park House, Park Pl. Daily 8 a.m.—8 p.m.
 (Miss L. Smith. Phone Gravesend 854)

Ministry of National Insurance.

Gravesend Local Office,
 "Ravenscourt,"
 Pelham Road,
 Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AMBULANCE SERVICE

Removal of Patients suffering from Smallpox and Typhus.

1. Arrangements have been made with the London County Council for the removal of patients suffering from small-pox and typhus.

Telephone : WATERLOO 3311.

PROVISION OF NURSING REQUISITES.

Arrangements have been made with the British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Brigade for the continuance of the Medical Loan Depots on behalf of the County Council. The full range of nursing requisites will be available at these depots and details of the addresses and the times the depots are open for distribution are available in the district offices. These arrangements will be in addition to the loan cupboards kept by District Nurses. The depots will deal with all applications for the loan of nursing requisites.

HOSPITAL SERVICES.

Hospital and specialist services, including institutions for the chronic sick, mental homes, maternity homes, convalescent homes, dispensaries and out-patient department are administered by the Regional Hospital Boards set up by the Minister of Health. The Southeast Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board is responsible for all hospitals in Kent, but for day to day administration Hospital Management Committees are set up to deal with groups of hospitals.

The District Officer is supplied with particulars relating to each hospital in his district, but generally speaking admission to hospital is a matter for the doctor in charge of the patient and he will make arrangements direct with the hospital authorities, calling upon the County Ambulance Service for the removal of the patient to hospital where this is considered necessary.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

These officers are responsible for—

1. Duties as authorised Officers under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts.
2. Acting as representatives of the County Health Department in dealing with enquiries made by the Public and arranging for County Health Services to be made available in cases of difficulty.
3. Carrying out the duties of the County Council under the National Assistance Act in (a) arranging admissions of old, handicapped and homeless people to residential establishments other than in cases of sickness ; (b) the care of moveable property of patients who are admitted to hospital or a residential establishment provided by the Council where it appears that there is danger of loss or damage to the property.

DISTRICT OFFICERS AND ASSISTANTS.

District.	Name and Address of Officer.	Office Telephone No.	Home Telephone No.
14. GRAVESEND Northfleet Swanscombe and part of Strood Rural	<i>Office :</i> Arthur Street, Gravesend <i>District Officer :</i> Mr. G. T. JEFFERY, 357, Watling Street, Dartford <i>Assistant District Officer :</i> Mr. J. H. KEIGHLEY, 108, Green Walk, Crayford	Gravesend 166	Dartford 3143 Bexleyheath 2163

MEDWAY AND GRAVESEND HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

GRAVESEND AND NORTH KENT HOSPITAL.

TIME TABLE.

MONDAY		
11.0 a.m.	Traumatic Clinic	Mr. M. Landau
11.30 a.m.	Ear and Nose and Throat	Mr. C. E. Plumstead
2.0 p.m.	Hearing Aids	
TUESDAY		
9.0 a.m.	Dental Clinic	Mr. A. L. Wraight
9.30 a.m.	Ophthalmic Clinics (School)	Mr. G. L. Simmons
11.30 a.m.	Surgical Out-Patients and Varicose Veins	Mr. K. W. D. Hartley
2.30 p.m.	Ante-Natal	Mr. F. S. Horrocks
3.0 p.m.	Gynaecological	and Mr. A. M. Hunter
WEDNESDAY		
9.0 a.m. (by appointment)	Chest Clinic	Dr. H. C. Calvey
10 a.m. (by appointment)	C.O.2	Physio-Therapy Dept.
10 a.m. (by appointment)	(Plasters) Fracture Clinic	Mr. M. Landau
1.30 p.m. (by appointment)	Aural Clinic	Mr. T. P. Gill
3 p.m. (by appointment with Almoner)	Psychiatric Clinic	Dr. S. W. Hardwick
THURSDAY		
9.30 a.m. (by appointment)	Orthopaedic Clinic	Mr. V. M. Franklin
9.30 a.m. (by appointment)	Refill Clinic	Dr. H. C. Calvey
9.30 a.m.	Ophthalmic Clinic	Mr. W. E. Heath
12 noon (by appointment)	Electro-Medical	Mr. K. W. D. Hartley
1.30 p.m.	Ophthalmic Clinic (School) K.E.C.)	Mr. G. L. Simmons
FRIDAY		
8.30 a.m.	Dental Clinic	Mr. F. T. Wilkinson
11 a.m. (by appointment)	Surgical Clinic	Mr. Sol M. Cohen
11.15 a.m. (by appointment) (New cases 12.15 p.m.)	Fracture Clinic	Mr. M. Landau
2 p.m. (by appointment with Almoner)	Psychiatric Clinic	Dr. S. W. Hardwick
1.30 p.m.	Ophthalmic Clinic (School) (K.E.C.)	Mr. M. F. McDonnell
SATURDAY		
11 a.m.	Medical Out-Patients	Dr. J. Crawford
9.30 a.m.	Orthoptic Clinic Daily (except Wednesday)	
DRESSINGS DAILY at 9 a.m.		
X-RAYS DAILY from 9 a.m. (by appointment for special examinations, <i>e.g.</i> , BA. MEALS ; I.V.P'S, etc.)		

DARTFORD HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

OUT-PATIENTS CLINICS.

The West Hill Hospital—Telephone : Dartford 3223		
Ante-Natal Clinic	Monday	10.30—12.30 1.15—4 p.m. (Doctor)
	Tuesday	10.30—12.30
	Wednesday	10.30—12.30
	(Post Natal)	2—4 p.m.
	Thursday	10.30—12.30 (Doctor) 1.15—4 p.m. (Doctor)
	Friday	A.M. and P.M. by appointment
Dental Clinic	Thursday	by appointment
	Mr. C. A. Pollard (Hospital office)	
Ear, Nose and Throat	Adults	Thursday
	Children	Monday, 10.30 a.m.
	Mr. Lipscombe and Mr. Gild (Hospital office)	
Fertility Clinic	Tuesday	by appointment. Mr. G. Dalley (Hospital office)
Fracture Clinic	Thursday	9.30 a.m. Mr. K. F. Hulbert
Gynaecological Clinic	Monday	by appointment. Mr. G. Dalley (Hospital office)
Medical Out-Patients	Dr. G. B. Stratton, M.R.C.P. Tuesday and Friday	
	Dr. N. D. McGreath, M.R.A.C.P., Thursday and Friday by appointment (Hospital office)	
Ophthalmic Clinic	Wednesday	by appointment
	Mr. F. J. Lorrinan (Hospital office)	
Orthopaedic Clinic	Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon by appointment (Mr. K. F. Hulbert Orthopaedic Dept.)	
Paediatric Clinic	Wednesday	by appointment. Dr. D. Leys (Hospital office)
Physical Medicine	Tuesday and Thursday, 2.30 p.m. by appointment Dr. Rattray (Physiotherapy Dept.)	
Psychological Clinic	Tuesday	by appointment. Dr. Robbins (Hospital office)
Skin Clinic	Monday	9 a.m. after February 7th. Dr. C. M. Ockwell
Surgical Out-Patients	Wednesday	by appointment. Mr. Meyrick Thomas (Hospital office). Tuesday, 10 a.m. Friday, 10.30 a.m. Mr. Morris
Urological Clinic	Tuesday	by appointment. Mr. Morris (Hospital office)
Venereal Diseases Clinic	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. Males, 5-6 p.m. Females, 1.30-3.30 p.m. Monday, Men 4-6 p.m. Females, 11.0 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Ockwell	
X-Ray Department	Monday to Friday, 9-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.	
Massage Department	Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	

Please ring Department shown in brackets for appointments.

SPECIALIST CLINICS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The following clinic services are provided by the Council :—

- (1) Ophthalmic.
- (2) Diseases of the ear, nose and throat.
- (3) Speech defects.
- (4) Child guidance.
- (5) Orthopaedic.

These centres are open in the district named for the treatment of children in attendance at maintained schools and children under school age. Patients attend at these centres by appointment, and applications for treatment should be sent to the County Medical Officer.

DENTAL AND ORTHODONTIC SERVICES.

These centres are open on the days and times set out for the purpose of treatment of children in attendance at maintained schools, expectant and nursing mothers, and children under school age. In addition, temporary dental clinics are held throughout the administrative area. Except in the case of emergency, patients should not be sent to these clinics without a previous appointment. Applications to be sent to the County Medical Officer.

MINOR AILMENT CLINICS.

These centres are open on the days and times set out for the purpose of the treatment of children in attendance at maintained schools. In addition, the Health Visitors attend at the clinics at more frequent intervals, if necessary.

Sanitary District	Assistant County Medical Officer	Dental Surgeon
U.D. of Swanscombe	Elfried Paterson	Mr. B. Crisp
MINOR AILMENT CLINICS West Kent House, Station Road, Northfleet		Days of attendance of Medical Officer Every Saturday morning
PERMANENT DENTAL CLINICS 5, Manor Road, Gravesend West Kent House, Station Road, Northfleet		Usual Days of Attendance Every day Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Specialist Clinics :

Child Guidance

Ear, Nose and Throat.

Ophthalmic.

Orthopaedic.

Speech Defects.

14, Canterbury Road, Ashford.

The Towers, Canterbury.

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.

Mayplace Road, Clinic, Crayford.

Granville Villa, Granville Road, Sheerness.

County Hospital, Chatham.

36, Albany Road, Sittingbourne.

Gravesend and North Kent Hospital.

Gravesend and North Kent Hospital.

Gravesend and North Kent Hospital.

118, Maidstone Road, Chatham.

County Hospital, Dartford.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following temporary arrangements have been made for the reception and treatment of cases of infectious diseases :—

Smallpox—Joyce Green Isolation Hospital, Dartford. Telephone Dt. 3231.

Worcester Training Ship, off Greenhithe, to the Port of London Authority

Hospital, Gravesend. Telephone : Gravesend 257.

Other cases to Dartford (Bow Arrow) Isolation Hospital. Tel. : Dartford 3369.

Scarlet Fever :

Cases notified	...	...	28
Cases removed to Hospital			5
% of cases removed	...		17.8

Whooping Cough :

Cases notified	...	...	15
Cases removed to Hospital			0
% of cases removed	...		0

Pneumonia :

Cases notified	...	...	15
Cases removed to Hospital			0
% of cases removed	...		0

Measles :

Cases notified	...	...	45
Cases removed to Hospital			0
% of cases removed	...		0

Poliomyelitis :

Cases notified	0
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Diphtheria :

Cases notified	0
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Tuberculosis.

Statement of particulars appearing on the register of notifications of cases of Tuberculosis for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

	Pulmonary.			Non-Pulmonary.			Totals
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	
(a) No. of cases of Tuberculosis on the register at the commencement of the year	42	42	84	14	9	23	107
(b) No. of cases remaining on the register at the end of the year	49	42	91	15	9	24	115
(c) No. of cases notified during the year	5	4	9	1	—	1	10
(d) No. of deaths during the year	4	2	6	1	—	1	7

The following are the ages and occupations of those persons notified during the year :—

Age			Age		
M.	F.	Occupation.	M.	F.	Occupation.
4	—	—	27	—	Unemployed
10	—	School	26	—	Canteen Worker
15	—	School	38	—	House Cleaner
18	18	Clerk	44	—	Housewife
18	—	H.M. Forces	44	—	Machine winder

DISPENSARIES.

Gravesend and North Kent Hospital, Gravesend	Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.
41, Overy Street, Dartford	..... Mondays, 10-12 a.m.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

There was no need for action under these regulations.

Public Health Act 1925, Section 62.

Public Health Act 1936, Section 172.

There was no occasion for action under these Sections.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Cases			Vision Unim- paired	Vision Im- paired	Total Blind- ness	Deaths
Notified	Treated					
	At Home	In Hospital				
—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Venereal Diseases.

County Hospital,	Men	Mondays	4-6 p.m.
Dartford.	Women	Mondays	11-1 p.m.

22, Cobham Street, Gravesend.	Men	Thursdays	3.30-5 p.m.
		Tuesdays	11.30-1.30 p.m.
	Women	Tuesdays	2-3.30 p.m.
		Thursdays	2-3.30 p.m.

The undermentioned figures show the number of cases suffering from V.D. attending Dartford and Gravesend V.D. Clinics from Swanscombe Urban District :—

New Patients.	Total.
Syphilis	1
Gonorrhoea	0
Non-Venereal	24
No. of attendances of Swanscombe patients	62

There were no defaulters from Swanscombe before completion of treatment during 1948.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Reports received on samples taken from various taps on the Metropolitan Water Board Supply to the area.

Date of samples 1948.	No. of organisms per c.c. capable of growth on agar at		Remarks.
	37°C	22°C	
5th January	3	8	Good water
30th September	4	1	Good water
9th November	4	100	Satisfactory

Reports received on samples taken from various wells and mains supplying factories situated in the district.

Date of samples 1948.	No. of organisms per c.c. capable of growth on agar at		Remarks.
	37°C	22°C	
2nd February	1,115	5,070	B. coli (presumptive) present in 1/10 ccs. typical B. coli in 1 ccs. Bad water.
8th March	1	10	Good water.
31st March	27	33	Satisfactory.
31st March	10	122	"
31st March	6	13	"
9th May	10	50	"

Proportion of dwelling houses supplied from the Public Water mains :—

Direct to houses	...	...	100%
Factories	...	...	80%

WATERCRESS.

Reports received on samples taken from various parts of Quarry Workings in the vicinity of Springhead.

Date of sample— 1948	No. of organisms per c.c. capable of growth on agar at		Remarks.
	37°C	22°C	
31st March N.17625	69,300	441,000	B. coli presumptive. Present in 1/10= .01 grms. watercress absent in 1/100 ccs.
31st March N.17626	151,200	510,300	Present in 1/10= .01 grms. of watercress absent in 1/100 ccs.
31st March N.17627	5,100	270,900	Present in 1/10= .01 grms. of watercress absent in 1/100 ccs.
31st March N.17628	50,400	283,500	Present in 1/10= .01 grms. watercress absent in 1/100 ccs.

Remarks :

- N.17625) B.coli (presumptive) present in 1/10=.01 grms. of watercress.
 N.17626)
 N.17627) Further tests showed that these were not typical B. coli.
 N.17628) There was no evidence of recent faecal contamination.

SWIMMING POOL.

Reports received on samples taken from the Swimming Pool.

Date of sample 1948		No of organisms per c.c. capable of growth on agar at		Remarks.
		37°C	22°C	
25th May	Deep-end	12	9	Satisfactory.
	Shallow-end	3	7	Satisfactory.
6th July	Deep-end	47	1,000)	No evidence of recent faecal contamination.
	Shallow-end	72	448)	
11th August	Deep-end	133	762)	No evidence of recent faecal contamination.
	Shallow-end	15	108)	
Attendances 1947 :		Adults, 3,770.	Spectators	1,054
		Children paid for admission		11,221
		Children from schools		2,355
Attendances 1948 :		Adults, 2,870.	Spectators	772
		Children paid for admission		8,894
		Children from schools		2,991

SEWAGE.

The following samples of Sewage effluent have been taken from the Works, they are itemised as follows :—

Date of Sample.	Solids in Suspension.	Total solid Residue.	Chlorine.	Free Ammonia.	Albuminoid Ammonia.	Nitrogen as Nitrates.	Nitrogen as Nitrites.	Oxygen absorbed ½ hour at 26.7°C.	Oxygen absorbed 4 hours at 26.7°C.	Dissolved oxygen requirement 5 days.	Impurity Figure.
(1) 1/1/48	8.5	403	178	2.4	0.98	None	Trace	1.06	2.0	5.8	34
(2) 28/1/48	11.0	301	113	6.4	0.95	None	Trace	2.27	3.65	—	65.7
(3) 12/3/48	10.0	290	114	6.94	0.82	None	None	2.0	3.2	17.3	57
(4) 14/4/48	7.5	334.0	147	4.4	0.54	None	None	1.25	2.11	12.0	37.5
(5) 29/4/48	7.5	289.0	124	5.22	0.68	None	None	1.66	2.72	17.5	47.6
(6) 4/6/48	7.3	280	111	7.48	0.68	None	None	1.98	3.26	20.0	61
(7) 29/6/48	9.75	256	105	7.55	0.61	None	None	2.5	4.1	16.5	51
(8) 5/8/48	4.75	303	130.6	5.99	0.61	None	None	1.92	3.97	17.6	50
(9) 29/9/48	10.3	246	91	7.82	0.82	None	None	2.62	4.0	7.58	61
(10) 27/10/48	9.0	181	62.0	8.77	0.82	None	None	2.88	4.58	34.0	64
(11) 3/12/48	7.25	430	119	6.12	0.68	None	Trace	1.7	2.9	17.9	48.5

Port of London Authority Impurity Figure, 70.

CIRCULAR 2831—PROMOTION OF CLEANLINESS, GOOD HABITS AND THE ELIMINATION OF VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

Cleansing Station, Brook Vale, Northfleet, is adapted for the cleansing of verminous persons, lethane is used in cases of infestation of head. Clothing is disinfected by steam disinfection while patients are undergoing treatment.

During 1948, 23 persons and contacts were treated.

CEMENT DUST NUISANCE.

The following is an extract from a report prepared by the Local Authorities investigation Committee appointed to consider what action could be taken to abate the nuisance caused by dust from Cement Works.

(1) It has therefore to be recognised that there will always be a 4% to 5% emission of dust in the Thameside Area so long as the manufacture of cement continues.

(2) The Committee were informed that it is the present policy of the Government to provide the increased quantities of Cement required by establishing factories out of the Thameside area and new works will be, or are being erected in Staffordshire and in Wiltshire and extension of existing factories in Derbyshire and Warwickshire.

(3) As a result of the prolonged and detailed investigation made by the Committee they feel that the only steps which can be taken by the Conference is to bring pressure to bear upon the Government for the early release of sufficient steel to enable precipitation plant to be installed and maintained in proper working order in all the factories in the Thameside area to reduce the emission of dust to a maximum of not more than 5%.

(4) Having regard to the immense output of cement in the Thameside area this amount of 5% will still cause a nuisance at times but if this standard is reached it will considerably lessen the nuisance which has been so pronounced and at times intolerable.

(5) The Committee were assured that it was the intention of the Cement Companies to adopt the best practicable means to keep the nuisance to reasonable limits. The Committee are satisfied that as a result of their efforts and representations, the Cement Companies have had delivery or orders for precipitation plant and spare parts expedited.

(6) It is, however, recommended that the Chief Inspector, Alkali, etc., Works of the Ministry of Health and the Cement Companies concerned should ensure that full efficient electrostatic precipitation plant is installed for all kilns at all the Works and that the appropriate Ministry should arrange for steel to be available at all times in the future for the manufacture of spare parts and equipment of the plant which may be required from time to time.

(7) The results of the dust deposit tests taken do show that although the nuisance is still existing, it has certainly been reduced over the past few months.

(8) Section 92 (2) of the Public Health Act, 1936, provides that consent of the Minister of Health is required before proceedings may be instituted by a Local Authority in respect of certain nuisances referred to in Section 92 (1) (d) of the Act where proceedings might be instituted under the Alkali, etc., Works Regulations Act, 1906.

(9) It would seem to be useless contemplating legal proceedings in cases of this kind unless the Alkali Inspectors expressed the opinion that all reasonable and practicable steps were not being taken to abate the nuisance, and the remedy would then appear to be under the Act of 1906 previously referred to.

(10) The Committee feel therefore that no useful purpose would be served by pressing for the legislation suggested.

MILK SUPPLY.

Thirty-four samples of milk were submitted for bacteriological examination, all proved satisfactory.

Samples of school milk as supplied by W. E. W. Southwood, Vale Road Dairy, Northfleet, were taken monthly by the Public Health Department, Northfleet Urban District Council, all of which proved satisfactory.

There are no dairies or bottling establishments situated in this district.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947.

There are fifteen establishments in the district, eleven are registered for retail only, while two are registered to make ice cream applying the Heat Treatment in the process of manufacture as prescribed by the regulations.

An inspection of the premises was carried out in company with the Sanitary Inspector with the result that two of the three remaining manufacturers of cold mix have discontinued the sale of Ice Cream while the third changed to retail only.

Fifty samples were submitted for bacteriological examination with the result that 23 were of grade 1, 13 of grade 2, 7 of grade 3 and 7 of grade 4.

In no case were pathogenic organisms cultivated.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Article.	Genuine.	Inferior.	Adulterated.
Aspirin	I		
Baby Cereal	I		
Batter Flour		I	
Batter Mixture	I		
Bitter Beer	I		
Black Currant Jam	I		
Boracic Crystals	I		
Butter Pats		I	
Camphorated Oil	I		
Channel Islands Milk	I	2	
Cocoa	I		
Diabetic Apricot Jam	I		
Dried peas	I		
Fish and Vegetable Puree	I		
Fish Paste	I		
Gees Linctus	I		
Liquid Paraffin	I		
London Mild Ale	I		
Luncheon Sausage	I		I
Malt Vinegar	I		
Non-brewed Vinegar	I		
Orange Flavoured Lik-Lak	I		
Pasteurised Milk	I 2		
Powdered Gelatine	I		
Pudding Crust and Dumpling Flour Mixture	I		
Pure Ground Nutmeg	I		
Salmon and Anchovy Paste	I		
Sardine and Tomato Fish Paste	I		
Self Raising Flour	I		
Sparkling Special Red Soft Drink	I		
Toddy the Invigorator			I
Tuberculin Tested Milk	6		
Whale Burger	I		
Totals	46	4	2

Details of Unsatisfactory Samples :—

Batter Flour	Inferior. Total CO ₂ 0.3%	A further sample was taken and the analysis showed the sample to be genuine. No further action was taken.
Butter Pats.	Inferior. Fat (consisting of butter) 2.25%.	The question of the percentage of butter fat in confections described as "bntter" confections is still under consideration.
Jersey Milk.	Fat 3.8% solids not fat 8.9. Deficient 5% of minimum amount of fat.	The Minister of Food has requested that particulars of fat deficient samples should be forwarded to the Milk Division of the Ministry of Food. The particulars in connection with this sample have been forwarded.
Jersey Milk.	Fat 3.8%, solids not fat 8.9%. Deficient 5% of minimum amount of fat.	—do.—
Luncheon Sausage.	Adulterated. Meat content approximately 20%.	A further sample was taken and the analysis showed the sample to be genuine. No further action was taken.
Toddy, the Invigorator.	Adulterated. Total Solids 2.84%, total sugars 1.87% Saccharin. 0.0055%, proof spirit 0.6%.	Objection was taken to the word "Toddy" and to the description "Invigorator" and, as a result of representations made to the manufacturers, the label was amended. The label as now used is satisfactory.

OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED.

Articles Condemned.		Amount.	
		lbs.	ozs.
Pork Sausage	...	1	0
Bacon	...	1	2
Apricots.	...	1	14
Beef	...	67	8
Salmon	...	1	0
Beef Broth	...		10
Dried Milk	...	300	0
Fish	...	28	0
Jeelied Veal	...	4	0
Plums	...	4	0
Tomato Soup	...	1	4
Tomato Juice	...	1	0
Evaporated Milk	...		5 tins
Condensed Milk	...		2 „
Eggs	...		120

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1. Inspection of dwelling houses.

(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts	516
Number of inspections made for that purpose	516
(2) Number of dwelling-houses (included under the preceding heading) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Amendment Regulations, 1925 and 1932	419
Number of inspections made for that purpose	419
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the Preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	93

2. Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the L.A. or its officers	29
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3. Action under Statutory Powers.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	87
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	71
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	—
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	86
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By Owners	32
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	—
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	1
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	—
(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act 1936 :—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
SWANSCOMBE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year 1948 of work carried out under the Public Health, Housing, Factories and Food and Drugs Acts, etc.

Number of complaints received during the year	205
Total number of visits made	2460
Preliminary Notices served	179
" " complied with	76
Statutory Notices served	103
" " complied with	93
Verbal notice only was given on 27 occasions.	

First visits, Public Health Act 1936 and Housing Act 1936						516
Re-visits, Public Health Act 1936						172
Infectious disease enquiries						97
Inspections of verminous premises						5
Visits in connection with verminous persons						23
Water supply and subsequent visits						9
Drainage inspections						99
Drains tested						108
Visits regarding cesspools						2
Housing Act visits and revisits						825
Moveable dwelling inspections						2
Rats and mice primary visits						105
Rats and mice subsequent visits						103
Factories visited						36
Bakehouse—basement						4
Bakehouses—ground level						11
Food premises						269
Dairies and milkshops						—
Milk sampling						34
Water sampling						9
Sewage sampling						11
Stables						6
Miscellaneous, accumulations animals						11
Swimming Pool (water samples)						3
						2460

The following is a summary of nuisances and defects remedied during the year :—

Accumulations of offensive refuse removed	4
Animals in an unfit state	7
Ashbins provided	149
Ceilings repaired	75
Cesspools repaired or abolished	2
Chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt	17
Chimney flues repaired	—
Doors repaired or renewed	16
Door frames repaired or renewed	5
Drainage Systems :—	
Drains repaired or reconstructed	3
Drains Cleansed	28
Gulley traps repaired or renewed	2
Gulley trap gratings provided	—
Soil and vent pipes provided	3
Inspection chambers repaired	—
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	15
Firegrates repaired or renewed	7
Fireplaces, brickwork and plasterwork repaired	5
Floors repaired or relaid	12
Floors, sub-floor ventilation provided	7
Rainwater downspouts repaired or renewed	2
Roofs repaired	16
Sinkstones repaired or renewed	1
Sink waste pipes repaired or renewed	4
Staircase repaired	14
Stoves repaired or renewed	6
Rats, premises treated	103
Verminous rooms	4
Walls, brickwork repaired or repointed	31
Wall, damp proof course inserted	12
Walls, internal plasterwork repaired	112
Washing boilers, coppers repaired or renewed	7
Water closets :—	
External structure repaired	14
Internal structure repaired	11
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	14
Flush pipes repaired or renewed	4
Basins and traps renewed	12
Seats repaired or renewed	2
Water supply, supply pipes, etc., repaired	9
Windows, woodwork of frames, sashes or sills repaired or renewed	80
Yard Surfaces repaired or renewed	33
Miscellaneous	20
Approximate number of separate premises in the area	2378
Number of premises containing each type of sanitary convenience in district (approximate) :—	
W.C's into drainage system	2407
W.C's into cesspools	86
Earth closets or privy middens	1
Pail Closets	3

INFECTION AND DISINFECTION.

During the year 205 cases of infectious diseases were investigated, viz :—

Scarlet fever	.....	28
Tuberculosis	.....	10
Measles	.....	45
Whooping Cough	.....	15
Puerperal Pyrexia	.....	—
Poliomyelitis	.....	—
Total	.....	<u>98</u>

Included in this was the supervision of the disinfection of same.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

- (1) The number of (a) Council Houses 2 ; (b) other houses 3 ; (i) found to be infested 5 ; (ii) disinfested 5.
- (2) The method employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs is by fumigation, (Fumite), contains D.D.T. 60% in weight.
- (3) The method employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin, routine inspection and disinfestation.
- (4) The work of disinfestation : (a) Council Houses, Local Authority. (b) Private houses, Local Authority at owner's cost.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.

INFESTATION ORDER SR & O 1943 No. 680.

In accordance with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Circular N.S. No. 19, a test was made of the Sewer and was found to be infested at the high level of Swanscombe. Poison baits were laid, a re-test was made which proved that the infestation had been successfully dealt with. A further test was made later in the year, on this occasion it was found that the sewer was rat free.

Periodical treatment was also carried out to seven major and fifteen minor infested areas.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

One S.D. Freighter (registered 1939) of 6 cubic yards capacity is used for this work, one driver and four men are employed on this vehicle.

It was necessary on occasions to utilise the Ford lorry to maintain this service. Approximately 4,182 cubic yards were collected and disposed of.

STREET CLEANSING, GULLEY AND CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

Although these services were reasonably maintained, it was at times necessary to loan vehicles from the neighbouring authorities. The Council's Scammell at times being out of commission owing to mechanical defects.

INSPECTION OF FACTORIES.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health, including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Inspections (2)	Written Notices (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted (4)
Factories with Mechanical power	17	2	—
Factories without Mechanical power	14	—	—
Other premises under the Act	16	9	—
Totals	36	11	—

2. DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars	Number of Defects		Referred to H.M. Inspector	No. of Prosecu- tions
	Found	Remedied		
Want of cleanliness	1	1	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	1	1	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—				
Insufficient	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—
Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences	11	11	—	—
Totals	14	14	—	—

	No. in district	No. of visits in 1948	No. of faults and defects found	No. of faults and defects remedied
Bakehouses	6	14	1	1
Dairies	—	—	—	—
*Slaughterhouses—				
Registered	2	4	—	—
Licensed	2)		
Other food-preparing places which are, as such, subject to inspection	51	281	4	4
Offensive Trades	—	—	—	—
Common Lodging Houses	—	—	—	—
Houses-let-in-lodgings	—	—	—	—
Factories	26	36	2	2
Workshops	22	19	—	—
Workplaces (other than out- workers' homes)	15	10	4	4

* No licences granted.

Housing Act 1936. Overcrowding.

(a) (i)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	I
(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	I
(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	16
(b) (i)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	I
(c) (i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	4
(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	38
(d) (i)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	—

(1) Total number of houses owned by the Local Authority :—

1919 Scheme	65
1923 „	28
1924 „	228
Non-subsidy	112
1936 Scheme	28
Pre-war houses being sold under mortgage	34
Temporary	100
Slum Clearance Area	I
New houses, Permanent type	23
„ „ „ Prebabricafed	49
Swanscombe St. Site conversions, Bungalows	27
Purchased premises Milton Street	3
Requisitioned Units	17
Total	715

(2) Number of new houses built during 1948 :—

(a)	By local Authority	72
(b)	By other bodies, or persons	—

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

L. E. CROUCHER,

Sanitary Inspector.

